

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Beginning on page 4, please amend paragraphs [0017-0019] as follows:

[0017] In an alternative embodiment, and referring now to Figures 4-6, beverage container holder ~~120~~ 120' includes vent ~~105~~ 105' and support ~~125~~ 125', where support ~~125~~ 125' is bifurcated into a first part 165 and a second part 170 with a swivel joint 175 therebetween. Here, support ~~125~~ 125' has a first position (closed) where support ~~125~~ 125' is retracted into dashboard 100 proximate a side of vent ~~105~~ 105' and aligned with the HVAC (heating ventilation air conditioning) plenum opening (see Figure 4), a second position (open) where support ~~125~~ 125' is extended from dashboard 100 and second part 170 is swiveled horizontally to receive and hold container 135 (see Figure 6), and an intermediate position where support ~~125~~ 125' is extended from dashboard 100 and second part 170 is oriented in alignment with first part 165 prior to being swiveled horizontally (see Figure 5). In the closed position depicted in Figure 4, support ~~125~~ 125' is arranged so as to minimize disruption to or blockage of airflow to downstream vents. To move support ~~125~~ 125' from the first position to the second position, first and second parts 165, 170 are first translated out of dashboard 100 in the direction of arrow 180 to the intermediate position, and then second part 170 is rotated with respect to first part 165 about swivel joint 175 in the direction of arrow 185. A set of stops or detents 190, such as provided by locking pins or spring loaded ball bearings in recesses for example, may be used to maintain second part 170 in an appropriate orientation for holding container 135 when support ~~125~~ 125' is in the second position. In an embodiment, the moment created by the weight of container 135 in support ~~125~~ 125' about swivel joint 175 is such that support ~~125~~ 125' is driven against stops 190 when in the second position, thereby holding container 135 in a favorable orientation. In the extended second position, first part 165 extends back into dashboard 100 and is suitably arranged with dashboard 100 for supporting the weight of container 135 having a beverage therein. Second part 170 includes opening 150 and surface 155 for receiving and holding container 135, in a manner similar to that discussed earlier.

[0018] While the embodiment of Figures 4-6 is depicted having first and second portions 165, 170 of support ~~125~~ 125' disposed at a vertical side of vent ~~105~~ 105', it will be appreciated that support ~~125~~ 125' may be disposed at any side, vertical or horizontal, of vent ~~105~~ 105'. If support ~~125~~ 125' is disposed at a horizontal side of vent ~~105~~ 105', then swivel joint 175 may be omitted, thereby resulting in an arrangement where support ~~125~~ 125' may simply be translated in the direction of arrow 180 from the first position (closed or retracted) to the second position (open or in a position to receive container 135). In the closed position in the absence of container 135, and in the open position in the presence of container 135, air is permitted to pass through vent ~~105~~ 105', and louvers ~~115~~ 115' are adjustable in both horizontal and vertical directions, in a manner similar to that discussed earlier.

[0019] In the embodiment of Figures 1-3 and the alternative embodiment of Figures 4-6, support ~~125~~ 125' is seen to be movably but not removably arranged with respect to vent ~~105~~ 105', thereby resulting in a beverage container holder ~~120~~ 120' that is integrally arranged with dashboard 100.